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A MARSHALL COUNTY , KENTUCKY CONVICTED FELON INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A FIREARM

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment against **Derl Sharp**, age 49, of 529 Olive Creek Road, Benton, Marshall County, Kentucky on charges of knowingly possessing a firearm, while having been convicted of a felony, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on February 28, 2008, Sharp, a convicted felon, knowingly possessed a Marlin rifle, .22 caliber, MOD/60, SER/01148697. On November 3, 2004, in Livingston Circuit Court, Sharp was convicted and sentenced for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in Case No. 04-CR-0047; and for Receiving Stolen Property (firearm) in Case No. 04-CR-00038; each a felony.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), as part of

ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Sharp is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on April 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Paducah, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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